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Re: Comments: Energy Tax Reform Working Group

The production tax credits (PTC) for encouraging electrical generation via wind capture have served to mature the industry and should now be eliminated.

The wind industry has benefited from this subsidy for 20 years. We are not seeing any significant improvement in reliability or efficiency. The industry is mature, continuation only costs money with no discernible benefit.

This industry still requires spinning backup resources from conventional energy. I have found no area, even worldwide, which has managed to show secure evidence that conventional energy resources or consumptions have diminished. In fact, we have case studies which show an increase in carbon emissions with the addition of wind power to the grid. It's just not working as proponents predicted in garnering the PTC subsidies.

The US Federal Administration proposed 2014 budget indicates a cut back or elimination of production credits to the petroleum industry due to its maturity and competitiveness. In kind, the PTC needs to be removed as well.

Contrary to instincts, the cost of electricity has increased with the addition of over 30% nameplate capacity penetration into our local grid supply (BPA). The addition of wind generation has upset balancing systems, conflicted with environmental law intents, destabilized energy markets, and shown no net gain in jobs.

Please remove the PTC.

Respectfully

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